

CUP volleyed back to Planning

NICKY BOYETTE

Kathy Martone and Gary Toub had applied to the Planning Commission at the April 12 meeting for a Conditional Use Permit to turn the cottage on their property at 23 Elk into a one-unit Bed & Breakfast. Eight residents spoke against the application and 17 letters, also in opposition, were read into the record. One letter supported the application, but commissioners voted unanimously to deny it.

Martone and Toub appealed the decision at Monday evening's Eureka Springs city council meeting. Again there were speakers, but this time supporters outnumbered opponents 5-2 with one neutral suggestion of not granting any more CUPs for B&Bs until Planning has time to settle ambiguities in City Code.

Denise Ryan claimed she never saw any problems when the cottage was a guest lodging before, and there were no parking issues. Also, the application complied on every point with City Code.

LauraLee Wilcox, however, stated she was speaking for overwhelming opposition to the CUP. She said it would infringe on a residential neighborhood and violate the city's 200-foot rule. She urged council to keep residential neighborhoods safe and secure. "The people have spoken," she said.

Betsy Rodier insisted granting the CUP would set a precedent that would allow future CUP applicants to violate the 200-foot rule. She contended laws were being manipulated, adding that the application has been opposed by many neighbors.

Chris Fischer looked at the bigger picture. He said potential lodgings could be beneficial to the city, but suggested aldermen put a moratorium on these kinds of CUPs until Planning can work over City Code and settle the apparent issues.

Randall Fairbanks and Linda Gray both commented the applicants are conscientious people who improve the properties they are associated with. Gray said Martone and Toub were an asset to the community and she was grateful to have them here.

Jaclyn Cross also supported the application. She remarked there seems to be fear surrounding CUPs for B&Bs, and it is becoming trendy to oppose them. She did not see the logic in pushing away businesses that would boost the economy. She contended a B&B at 23 Elk would safeguard the neighborhood

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Peeking through the lens – (l-r) Charlie Phaneuf and Elaine Phaneuf peek through some of John Rankine's viewfinders on Saturday night during the opening of 'On my Morning Walk.' Viewfinders can be found in Basin Park throughout the month of May.

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This Week's INDEPENDENT Thinker

Alaa Murabit is founder of Voice of Libyan Women, focused on using words, not guns, to achieve diplomacy, cooperation, peace and security.

Murabit is convinced, and has proved, that "soft power" is more reasonable than violence. She knows education is key to economic and political stability, and that by walking into their homes she can motivate extremists with dialogue, intelligence and a job, even a volunteer one.

"The strongest tool in our arsenal is challenging misrepresentation and misuse of Islamic verse to promote extremism," she said.

Murabit's International Purple Hijab Day, a campaign against domestic violence, affected the Libyan prime minister so much he wore a purple tie. Then Queen Noor put the program in effect in Jordan. Now tens of thousands of Muslims are talking about subjects they didn't dare talk about before.

"Prosperity, dignity, rights. We all deserve it," Murabit said.



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Improvement District advances to workshop

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Hull said an Improvement District is a long-range solution and a way to handle right-of-way issues. He said defining the area would be the next big step, indicated there are state resources that could assist with this part of the plan.

Alderman David Mitchell wanted more information. "The devil is in the details," he remarked.

Hull clarified that council was only at the point of launching the project, not adopting any particular plan. He acknowledged it would be a hard sell for some, but he's already spoken with some large property owners who would be in the district, "and they get it," meaning they understand it will take a cooperative effort to solve a common dilemma.

Alderman James DeVito moved for Mayor Butch Berry to set up a joint workshop with Planning, Hull and the state expert on Improvement Districts. Approval was unanimous.

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by ensuring upkeep of the property.

Marsha Yearsley advocated for the CUP. She gave a brief history of the property and said the cottage was built to be a guesthouse. She also pointed out there seemed to be a conflict of interest because some opponents have tourist properties of their own.

When council got its chance on the subject, alderman James DeVito asked city attorney Tim Weaver what were the possible outcomes available for council. Weaver replied council could send the matter back to Planning, or vote one way or the other, but if council chose to vote its decision could be appealed in circuit court.

Alderman Mickey Schneider asked a few questions of Planning chair Steve Beacham and commissioner Melissa Greene about their preparation for the April 12 meeting. Beacham reported commissioners had as much as ten days' notice to see the site, but not all commissioners knew about the letters until they were read at the meeting. Greene stated she had heard discouraging words on the street ahead of time but "was pretty stunned" by what happened at the meeting. In her view, she suspected some of the comments were misleading, but took the speakers at face value. She said because of what she has learned since the meeting she would vote differently if there were another vote.

Beacham agreed commissioners had suspected some of the opposing commentary was exaggerated, but "there is more to it than how people yell at us."

He said the line in City Code regarding the 200-foot rule, which prohibits a CUP from "the same or similar" business, is confusing. There is a tourist lodging next

door to 23 Elk. He said for him it brings up the question, "Is lodging lodging? We struggle to know the impact of this."

DeVito moved to send the application back to Planning, saying he was concerned with the change of opinions. He said other folks originally opposed to the CUP have told him they have a new point of view, and because of misinformation, it would behoove council not to make a decision.

Alderman David Mitchell commented he was also concerned with the impact of the word "similar" in its context in City Code.

Alderman Joyce Zeller was not convinced sending the issue back to Planning would achieve anything. As far as she was concerned, there was no conflict with the 200-foot rule. She saw the B&B and the tourist lodging next door as very different operations. She also was bothered by the number of people who had changed their minds. But in her view, the cottage had been a guest unit before, the applicants complied with every regulation and nothing was improper. She thought the brouhaha surrounding the application had become too personal, and was prepared to approve it the application.

Schneider stated it was not fair for the applicants to have to wait for a process to unfold. She insisted they discuss the issues at that moment and take action.

Mitchell took the slower approach because he saw "similar" as a "huge discussion." He advocated for Planning to have a chance to revisit the issue. He said that the applicants deserve an opportunity to be heard in "a more rational environment."

Vote on sending the application back to Planning for further consideration was 4-1, Zeller voting No.

First Amendment rights on parade

NICKY BOYETTE

Attorney Kent Crow said he, Owen Kendrick and Phil Holland decided the time has come for Eureka Springs to have a First Amendment parade, and they got a permit to stage one Saturday, April 15, 2017, the day before Easter.

Crow said it is extremely important for citizens to celebrate the First Amendment, which in 45 words covers

Thirty minutes to focus

The Eureka Springs Buddhist Study Group will gather for 30 minutes of meditation followed by reading and discussion on Thursday, May 12 at 4 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

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a broad spectrum of rights Americans enjoy daily including the freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of the press, freedom of peaceful assembly and freedom to petition the government for redress of grievances.

"There is a lot of legislation lately being cast inhibiting rights granted by the First Amendment," he said. So the three men thought of having a parade. People can participate regardless of their points of view "to demonstrate we are one community in Arkansas that recognizes everyone's rights under the First Amendment."

Crow said they are taking their cue from what other groups are doing to educate the public, in particular the First Amendment Lawyers Association and the First Amendment Foundation.

Kendrick mentioned they chose the specific date for symbolic reasons, and are inviting everyone to join in. Crow commented it would be an opportunity for the community to come together and voice opinions as long as there is no hate speech

or offensive behavior. He mentioned in particular that all churches are invited.

There will be tables set up in Basin Park for those who want their petitions signed or who want to distribute brochures and pamphlets. Crow called it "a civics lesson."

Nancy Paddock was waiting tables at Sparky's restaurant when she overheard the group talking about the parade, and asked them what they were referring to. "They told me about their idea, and I told them that is something I have to be a part of. It is wonderful to celebrate the freedoms we have, and the parade is a good way for Eureka Springs to express itself."

She agreed to help organize the event. She said she has the names of everyone who has participated in parades in Eureka Springs for the past ten years, and added, "I just need to motivate them a bit."

Kendrick said everyone he has spoken to about the idea has been open to it. Crow stated, "It will be an opportunity for us all to come together."

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Food truck committee cruises on

NICKY BOYETTE

The committee appointed by mayor Butch Berry to hash out details for fitting mobile food truck and trailer vendors into Eureka Springs City Code continued discussion last Thursday afternoon. The committee consists of alderman Bob Thomas, city clerk/treasurer Ann Armstrong and chair Steve Beacham of Planning. They emphasized their role was to develop a list of suggestions for city council to consider, and council will make the final decisions.

In their previous meeting, the committee concluded there was no city-owned property suitable for setting up food trucks, so the only locations in town would be private property. They decided a strategy for limiting the number of mobile food truck and trailer vendors was to have private property owners who want to host a vendor apply for a permit, and the permits would be issued by a lottery drawing. Property owners could then negotiate with a vendor.

The committee clarified the topic they were discussing did not include push-cart vendors. They also fine-tuned the previous suggested number of permits in this way:

- One permit for a food court (sites for two-to-four food trucks) at a location on US 62
- Two other permits on US 62 for a single food truck
- One permit for Main Street for a single food truck and one permit for a commercial space on White Street for a single food truck.

Beacham mentioned the lottery for choosing designated sites would be held in December, and permits would be valid beginning January 1. Private property owners would negotiate with properly licensed vendors, and a vendor could apply to operate at more than one site.

Thomas commented even if 50 property owners applied for a permit, only five permits would be issued.

Beacham suggested criteria for being eligible to enter the lottery would be a site plan, safe ingress and egress, adequate parking, legal signage, lighting for after dark, and trash accommodations.

Generator noise might also be a concern. Beacham stated they should get input from building inspector

Bobby Ray for establishing the criteria checklist, and Thomas commented Ray would also be called upon to inspect sites to ensure compliance with eligibility criteria.

Armstrong agreed to find existing checklists that might be useful for their purposes, and Beacham said he would adapt them. The committee uncovered other considerations, such as if a lottery winner did not use the permit by a certain date, so Thomas suggested they could develop a waiting list during the lottery drawing.

The committee agreed there would be more details to mull over at the next meeting, Thursday, May 12, at 2 p.m. at city hall.

Hickory St. vacation on hold

NICKY BOYETTE

Jim Girkin presented his request Monday for a vacation of a portion of platted, but undeveloped, Hickory Street which runs down the middle of properties he owns. The first question from city council about the area to be vacated came from alderman Bob Thomas: "Is there a legal description?" Alderman David Mitchell agreed with Thomas's question, and Mayor Butch Berry said a legal description would be necessary before an ordinance vacating the property could be approved and it would be Girkin's responsibility to provide the legal description.

Thomas also wanted someone from the Parks Commission to explain why they had bargained with Girkin for a piece of land at the north end of his property.

Alderman James DeVito moved to have an ordinance drafted for the vacation pending receiving a legal description of property to be vacated and the property ceded to Parks.



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Budget freeze helping; goals ID'd

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Mayor Butch Berry told city council Monday that his recent freeze imposed on spending is helping the city budget catch up a bit with the lagging influx of revenue. Nevertheless, the lack of revenue presents a handicap to getting a handle on long-range problems that Berry can easily identify but not resolve. He said the city must spend money on chemicals to treat sewage at the water treatment facility. If the city could purchase the chemicals in sufficient quantity, it would save as much as two-thirds of the annual cost, but the city cannot afford to buy the materials in bulk.

Berry said a similar situation exists for water testing. The city could save a considerable amount on its water testing if it could afford to build its own water treatment facility. The city cannot afford to build the facility now, but Berry said the goals have at least been identified.

Final items

- Council voted to approve Susan Harman for a seat on the Planning Commission.
- Berry got approval to accept sealed bids for sale of the White Street Fire Station.
- Discussion of what to do about ghost tours and tour homes in general was sent back to Planning.
- Berry suggested aldermen remove from their agenda expanding eligibility to sit on the Parks Commission until Parks provided an ordinance.
- Council approved Resolution #683 which authorizes

acceptance of a grant from the US Department of Agriculture for \$47,000. The city is required to match \$16,904. Funds will be used to purchase breathing apparatus and personal protective equipment for ESFD.

- City Clerk/Treasurer Ann Armstrong presented first quarter financial documents for the city.
- Council approved Resolution #684, which authorizes the mayor "to obtain bids on the possible refinance of the current City Ambulance Loan in an amount that will allow net proceeds of \$100,623." The mayor was authorized to expend the proceeds to retire the current debt on the ambulance loan in the approximate amount of \$24,373 and purchase personal protective gear for \$40,000, a fire hose for \$6,750, replacement radios for \$13,500 and two additional breathing units for \$16,000.

Next city council meeting will be Monday, May 23, at 6 p.m.

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HDC peeks into aging windows

NICKY BOYETTE

It was a crowded room and full agenda for the Historic District Commission at the May 4 meeting, but commissioners handily dispatched with the nine applications. Only one of the items was not fully approved at the meeting, but it received partial approval. Full approval came at a special meeting the following morning.

Debbie Davis had appeared at the January 6 meeting to begin the process of renovating the 19th-century structure at 4 Summit by getting permission to add a porch where one originally rested. She followed up at this meeting by seeking permission to replace the aging windows and doors.

Commissioner Doug Breitling stated he wanted to visit the site to get a better feel for what they would be voting on, so commissioners agreed to visit with Davis at the site. They approved everything on the application except the windows and met Davis at the site for a first hand look.

At the subsequent special meeting, Breitling described ten of the windows as salvaged old windows installed in such a way as to preclude proper insulating of the walls. He suggested one window in the front of the house should remain, but all the others could be replaced. There was also a kitchen window approved for replacement, and the commission voted to approve Breitling's motion.

The commission also approved the first two new constructions at the Corley Loop development on East Mountain and these six other applications:

- 2 College – rear fencing
- 215 N. Main – replace two front windows; new deck
- 4 Oakridge – remove non-original carport; remove paving; new rear deck
- 13 N. Main – repaint new colors; front/rear awnings; new signs; front & rear doors; patch walls
- 60B Wall – new construction: single family residence
- 120 N. Main – replace uncovered car plank siding with new car plank siding.

These items on the Consent Agenda were approved:

- 123 Spring – new sign
- 106 E. Van Buren – new sign
- 44 Owen – new paint colors
- 75 Prospect – sign with shelter
- 77 Spring – new sign; new paint color for exterior and flower box.

Consent Agenda items are Level I applications that the City Preservation Officer believes to be in accordance with the design guidelines.

Chair Dee Bright presented these six Administrative Approvals, which are applications for repair or work involving no changes in materials or color but which also include applications for changes in roofing color:

- 104 Wall – re-roof
- 26 Emporia – re-roof
- 44 Owen – re-roof
- 17 Hilton – re-build stone foundation
- 95 Spring – replace exterior entry trim
- 45 Spring – replace existing rear railing

Next meeting will be Wednesday, May 18, at 6 p.m.



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Increase of debt and decrease of net energy – what we need to know

JOHN HOUSE, MD

In the first part of this series, I mentioned that economic growth and energy have been intimately connected since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. The more energy available to society, the more the economy grows. Now that we have entered into an era of decreasing net excess energy, economies are shrinking instead of growing.

Debt, too, plays an integral part in powering economic growth. In fact, the modern economy can't function without it. In recent years, debt has been substituted for excess net energy as the fuel for economic growth. The results have been less than stellar and are likely creating a situation that guarantees economic collapse.

In the loosest sense of the word, our economy *is* debt. Today, there is more

debt than there has been in the history of humankind. Without excess net energy, that debt couldn't be repaid.

Debt has been part of the human experience for thousands of years. It has taken, and continues to take, many forms. At its most basic, debt is the promise to pay in the future for some good or service provided now.



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Another way to look at debt is as an advance of future earnings. A person takes out a loan from a bank to buy a house or car, promising to repay that loan plus interest using income that will be earned in the future. Even in such a simple scenario, a healthy economy is required for a loan to be repaid; if the borrower loses his job because a factory closes due to economic decline, for example, he can't repay the loan.

Since debt permeates every part of our economy, growth is required in order for debt to be repaid or, at the very least, serviced. Everything talked about with respect to the economy revolves around growth. If the economy isn't growing, it's

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Open letter to Gov. Hutchinson

I respectfully urge you to direct the Big Creek Research and Extension Team to drill to confirm whether hog waste is leaking into groundwater. Lead hydrogeologist of the electrical resistivity study for the 6500 hog facility's holding ponds believed he saw major fracture/movement of waste and was fairly confident of his interpretation. In this karst environment, private wells, springs, creeks and the Buffalo River are at risk from possible contamination due to leakage.

The Big Creek Research and Extension Team has stated: "The work of our team is science-based and can withstand scrutiny. While we do have a close relationship with the agricultural community, we also have a history of providing research and educational programs aimed at protecting the environment. Our core values are to collect the best data and provide the best interpretation possible. In this study, we want to find answers that ensure the Buffalo River Watershed and other watersheds are protected."

The answer in this situation is best found by ground-truthing/drilling, not speculation. The public, the facility's owners and the nearby community deserve the truth, no matter the cost.

Dane Schumacher

Max to the max

Editor,

There are no words to adequately

express our gratitude for the incredible outpouring of generosity, love & support from the community & beyond for Max's benefit.

So many wonderful people collaborated to make the benefit event possible, opening their hearts to create such an exceptional moment in time, some working tirelessly for weeks – it is impossible to name them all here. What a great privilege to be part of fabulous Eureka Springs!

Please visit the "Thank You" page at benefitmaxelbo.org for a complete listing.

Selena Parrish

Republicans in a dilemma

Editor,

I voted for Bernie in the Arkansas primary because his proposals are absolutely necessary for a progressive nation; however, with Hillary winning the most votes and the most delegates, I will vote for her in the general.

I question why such vilifying and sexist hatred is always directed at Hillary Clinton by Republicans. She is, by far, the most experienced and qualified Democratic candidate.

Take a close look at nominee, Donald Trump: He never looks at his third wife when they come to the podium; he never touches her to acknowledge her at the podium; he calls women sexist and nasty names, commenting on their hairstyles, weight and faces; he hints at physical

functions of women in a titillating sneer and refers to "size" of maleness; he does not know KKK David Duke who endorsed him; he thinks eating a taco shows his love for Hispanics; he brags, bullies, and pretends to stand up for white working-class people (anyone checked to see if any of *his* service employees receives more than the \$7.50 minimum wage?; he wants to appeal to the Christian fundamentalists and at the same time curses on TV, happily acknowledging his many extramarital affairs, his bouts with sexually transmitted diseases, his having affair with the next "Mrs. Trump" while he is still wed to the previous one, his misquoting the Bible and making up Bible stories that are not in the Good Book... and more.

I could catalog his imperialistic foreign policies, his lack of any knowledge about world leaders, his bellicose promises to "bomb" and possibly use atomic weapons, his lack of respect for any of our allies, and his racism.

I am delighted at the dilemma of the Republican Party. I hope Trump *is* their candidate. He appeals to white, working-class males who dislike the government and the present economy. Although our government should do much more for all working people, his "solutions" are nuts.

Hillary, human faults and all, will be a much better president. And, incidentally, how nice to have a woman in the White House! About time.

T.A. Laughlin



WEEK'S Top Tweets

@damakattack: My 401K is whatever's left on this Starbucks gift card.

@moosooog35: One time I brought my kids to work with me and now my boss is way more tolerant of my drinking.

@the_anastasia: Me: Would you rather have a smart woman or a beautiful woman? Him: Neither. I'd rather have you.

@CrankyPuppy: The coolest dog ever is not allowed.

@novicefather: Welcome to the kleptomaniac club. I see you already took a brochure.

@johnfugelsang: Do Chinese cities have Americatowns?

@joshgondelman: Probably a lot of horses sitting on couches today talking about how they could have "gone Derby" if they hadn't gotten hurt in college.

@wolfpuppy: I've fallen out of my fair share of windows in my time and let's be honest, glass and air look basically the same.

@guywithnolife: Ted Cruz looks like he puts ketchup all over his fries instead of dipping them.



Hog farm full of holes

On Friday, April 29, the Arkansas Dept. of Pollution Control and Ecology commission met in Little Rock. I was there to make a formal comment questioning the wisdom of allowing C&H Hog Farms to spread hog manure on an additional 600 acres within the Buffalo River watershed when water tests of tributaries already show some disturbing trends. In under three years all but one of the pastures currently receiving this so-called “nutrient” are now above optimum levels for phosphorus which will run off, feed algae and deplete oxygen.

The Buffalo River Watershed Alliance (BRWA) was there to make a Power Point presentation. What they revealed had us all stunned. *For more than a year, the U of A research team has known that there was evidence of a massive movement of waste beneath the facility.* It was discovered when a team from the Oklahoma State University was contracted to do Electrical Resistance Imaging (ERI) to determine if there were karst underlying pastures where waste was being spread. (You may recall that two different out-of-state firms proclaimed there was “no evidence of karst” in environmental assessments, to the wonderment of geologists around the region.)

While the ERI team was there, a member asked Jason Henson, who is running C&H Hog Farms, if he’d like to have them test around the waste lagoons. Jason agreed. That test revealed a broad flow channel, as well as a huge accumulation of what is likely waste, some 120 feet deep. I say “likely” because the only way to know for sure is to drill a well down into it.

The OSU team apparently offered to drill such a test well for free. We know this only because members of the BRWA used the Freedom of Information Act to request reports and communications having to do with the Big Creek study since so little data had been forthcoming, and it is a taxpayer-funded study. There is no record of the offer to drill being accepted, by the way.

Charles Moulton, legal council for the commission, questioned Becky Keogh, current head of ADEQ about the decision to drop the Reg. 6 general permit and not renew it for C&H. C&H had already applied to switch to a Reg. 5 permit. Moulton noted that board members had been told in 2011 by Teresa Marks, the former ADEQ head, that the board needed to approve the new, streamlined Reg. 6 permit (the one that made it so quick and easy for a 6500-head hog CAFO to get a permit without the public getting wind of

it) because the EPA was adopting a similar permit and Arkansas needed to be aligned with their federal permit. Only the EPA never did adopt it.

So now it turns out, the ADEQ just wants to forget the whole thing. A Reg. 5 permit requires much more stringent site studies and assessment up front than the Reg. 6 one. But once in operation, a Reg. 5 is a lot easier. No more pesky public hearings every time there is a need to make a change in their “state-of the art” facility or their professionally designed nutrient management plan.

I’m not big on conspiracy theories, but it surely does seem that there has been some clever choreography going on here. As taxpayers, we are funding the Big Creek Research and Extension Team. And we’re paying the salaries of the employees of ADEQ to protect our resources.

It’s time the governor steps in and stops this song and dance! If you agree, or want to know more, there will be a free informational program on May 26, at 7 p.m. at the UU Church, 17 Elk Street. Dr. Van Brahana will present data on his independent karst study and Still on the Hill will sing new Buffalo songs. Come early to write letters to the Guv or sign petitions.

Lin Wellford

The Pursuit Of HAPPINESS

by Dan Krotz

In 1972, students at the University of Minnesota elected R. Crumb’s comic strip hero, Fritz the Cat, as President of the Student Body. Fritz was a sincerely louche feline, portrayed by Crumb as a promiscuous and lascivious serial liar. That same year, Fritz starred in a full-length movie, directed by Ralph Bakshi, that grossed \$90 million dollars. It was the first ever X-rated animated film.

The parents of the Student Body – hardworking Catholic and Lutheran taxpayers who farmed or owned decent family shoe stores – went nuts. Why didn’t their kids elect that little snot from the cake eating suburb instead? Or, how about Thorvald “Tory” Stoltenberg, a pre-pharmacy major from Lac qui Parle County? Sure, Tory was a bit of a stick, but at least he was a human being!

Fast forward five decades and the Party of Calvin Coolidge is poised to nominate their own Fritz the Cat for the office of President of the United States. And, horror of horrors, their major political and policy shift for the election – to be nicer to Mexicans – went down the toilet. Which, incidentally, the Justice Department says can’t be Made Great Again (the toilets, I mean). What’s a Mother to do?

They could begin by recognizing why voters chose Fritz over the little snots and pharmacy majors they’d pinned their hopes to. Congress has a public approval rating of 12%; why would they field candidates who disgust 88% of voters? And then there was their last great White Hope, Ted Cruz, the meanest Christian in public life since Cotton Mather burned witches in Salem, the guy who’s done more to popularize atheism than Madalyn Murray O’Hair. What were they thinking?

They weren’t thinking about the 45% of Americans who don’t have \$400 in ready cash lying around. Trickle Down economics may have worked for traditional Republican voters, but it hasn’t done much for the socially conservative working class. Why wouldn’t they vote for Fritz? He, at least, understands bankruptcy.

Of course, there’s that cliffhanger on the Democrat side. Will they nominate Good Grandpa!? Or, will they nominate Bad Grandma!? Either one can beat Fritz but, oh my, how the tension builds!



A little help from our friends:

- **Carroll County Domestic Violence Hotline:** 1-844-247-3223 (844-24PEACE) is available 24/7. The Purple Flower Domestic Violence Resource and Support Center of Carroll County is open Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. at 103 West Church St. in Berryville. (479) 981-1676. The Purple Flower will also have free and confidential Domestic Violence Empowerment Support Group on every 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month at the Berryville Community Center from 6 – 7:30 p.m.
- **24-hour NWA Crisis Line for Women** – NWA Women’s Shelter serving Carroll County – “Empowering families to live free of violence.” (800) 775-9011 www.nwaws.org
- **Cup of Love free soup lunches** – Cup of Love provides soup lunches at Flint Street Fellowship Mondays and Wednesdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and at First Baptist (Penn) Church on Fridays, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. (479) 363-4529
- **Flint Street Fellowship food pantry, lunch, free clothing** – Pantry open 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Free lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Free clothes/shoes closet, books and household items. (479) 253-9491 or 253-4945. Leave donations in barrel at entrance if facility is closed.
- **Wildflowers one-dollar, furniture barn/thrift store** US 62E across from Hill County Hardware. One-dollar store in the yellow building every Friday from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Thrift store, furniture bank in big blue barn behind the chapel open Wednesdays – Saturdays from 10:30 a.m. – 4 p.m. Donation drop offs Thursday – Saturday between 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. Healing and delivery outreach in chapel Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.
- **Shamatha and Tonglen meditations Monday** – A meditation group will meet every Monday at 6:30 p.m. to focus on Shamatha, learning how to focus to achieve peace of mind, and Tonglen, a practice of love and compassion on all beings. The meetings will alternate these two practices so that one is the focus on each Monday with coffee and tea afterward. Call Alece at (479) 244-6841 or Gary at (479) 244-6840.
- **Celebrate Recovery** – Soul Purpose Ministries, 801 S. Springfield, Green Forest, 6:30 p.m. each Wednesday. Potluck followed by 12-step Christ-centered meetings for those suffering from addiction, habit, hang-up or hurt.
- **No high school diploma?** Free GED classes in the Carnegie Library Annex every Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 9 a.m. - noon with study and tutoring for the GED test. Open to ages 18 and up. GED classes also in Berryville at Carroll County Center. Some open to ages 16 and 17 per educational requirements. For info: Kathy Remenar (417) 342-8498, Carnegie Library (479) 253-8754, Carroll County Center (870) 423-4455). Offered by North Arkansas College with Carnegie Library support.
- **Grief Share**, A Bible-based, 13-week program for those who have lost a loved one will begin on Sunday, Feb. 21 from 1 – 3 p.m. at Faith Bible Church, Suite C, 3 Parkcliff Drive, Holiday Island. Share with others experiencing similar circumstances in an informal, confidential setting. Call (479) 253-8925 or email lardellen@gmail.com.
- **Overeaters Anonymous** – Thursdays, 10:30 a.m. Barbara (479) 244-0371 • **Narcotics Anonymous** – Fridays, 5:30 p.m. (903) 278-5568. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn.
- **Coffee Break Al-Anon Family Group Women** – Tuesdays, 9:45 a.m., Faith Christian Family Church, Hwy. 23S, (479) 363-9495. • **Al-Anon Family Group (AFG)** – Sundays, 11:30 a.m., Mondays and Tuesdays 7 p.m. • **Eureka Springs Coffee Pot AA Groups** Monday – Saturday 12:30 p.m.; Sunday 10 a.m.; Sunday – Thursday, Saturday, 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Friday, 8 p.m. (479) 253-7956 • **Al-Anon** Wednesday, 5:30 p.m. Meetings held at Eureka Springs Coffee Pot Group behind Land O’ Nod Victorian Inn. All other meetings: See www.nwarkaa.org

INDEPENDENT ConstablesOnPatrol

MAY 2

9:20 a.m. – Central dispatch passed along a call from a person at Black Bass Lake concerned about a suspicious person nearby. Constable on patrol responded but did not encounter the suspicious person.

5:20 p.m. – Caller claimed a vehicle parked on private property had been blocking her vehicle for several hours and a tow truck driver had refused to tow the vehicle because of the curb height. ESPD advised her to call a different tow truck business.

8:52 p.m. – Passerby reported a parked vehicle was blocking the flow of traffic. Vehicle was gone when the constable arrived.

MAY 3

2:10 a.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop and arrested the driver for driving on a suspended license.

2:20 a.m. – A mother told ESPD she woke and found a male in bed with her daughter. Constable searched the area but did not find the individual. The mother told ESPD the person was not allowed back on her property.

12:23 p.m. – Constable spoke with a person who said someone was tampering with his mailbox.

12:28 p.m. – A semi driver followed the directions of his GPS device and found himself stuck on a narrow street. Constable helped redirect him out of everyone’s way.

5:05 p.m. – Resident in an apartment spotted a suspicious male in the woods nearby. Constable responded but did not encounter the suspicious person.

10:18 p.m. – Something triggered a motion alarm at a business on US 62, but the constable and keyholder walked through the business and found everything okay.

MAY 4

9:33 a.m. – Constable took a report of a vehicle theft.

6:09 p.m. – Caller from Holiday Island suspected three motorcycle riders headed to town might be intoxicated. Constable encountered their cycles parked on Main Street and learned the riders were not intoxicated.

9:29 p.m. – Guest at a hotel reported a jewelry theft.

9:32 p.m. – Resident reported a theft from the residence while out of town.

MAY 5

12:35 a.m. – Concerned witness reported a male walking along Main Street carrying what looked like shears or a hatchet. Constable on patrol scoured the area but did not encounter anyone fitting the description.

6:06 p.m. – Cottage owner claimed someone broke in and stole the television.

7:53 p.m. – Caller told ESPD she got her car back but it was damaged and items were missing. Since the incident occurred in Berryville, she was

referred to Berryville PD.

MAY 6

2:25 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for DWI, no driver’s license and driving left of center.

4:28 a.m. – Resident in a neighborhood above downtown heard a fox in distress. Constable went to the area but did not hear a distressed fox.

11:50 a.m. – A tree that fell across a power line in a neighborhood near downtown caused the line to arc. Constable and ESFD stood by until the power company arrived.

9:29 p.m. – Traffic stop resulted in the arrest of the driver for an outstanding warrant and traffic charges.

MAY 7

11:52 a.m. – Traffic stop resulted in arrest of the driver for violating the noise ordinance, driving on a suspended license, obstructing governmental operations, failure to pay registration fee and on a Berryville warrant.

3:37 p.m. – Staff at a motel asked for constable assistance with a trespasser. Constable advised the individual not to return to the premises.

9:24 p.m. – A 15-year old male told ESPD he was home alone and a man had just driven a motorcycle onto the front porch and began looking through windows. Constable responded and discovered the individual was the boy’s uncle and everything was okay.

MAY 8

2:56 a.m. – Constable initiated a traffic stop and arrested the driver for driving on a suspended license and possession of drug paraphernalia.

1:41 p.m. – ESPD learned of a group reportedly panhandling downtown. Constable apprised them of local laws and asked them to move along, which they did.

2:25 p.m. – A vehicle stalled on US 62, and the responding constable moved it out of the way of traffic.

MAY 9

12:20 a.m. – Central dispatch warned ESPD of a possibly intoxicated driver headed toward town from the north, but constables never encountered the vehicle.

Book study at St. James

The next Blue Skies Book Study at St. James Episcopal Church is Tuesday, May 24 in the Undercroft from 5 – 6:30 p.m. Book selection is *Wearing God: Clothing, Laughter Fire, and Other Overlooked Ways of Meeting God* by Rev. Lauren F. Winner. The book is available at the Eureka Springs Carnegie Public Library. The meeting will be led by Joanna E.S. Campbell. All are welcome. For more information call (479) 253-8610.

Tips for emergency readiness

BECKY GILLETTE

Chuck Welch, a Grassy Knob resident who was recently deployed in Houston operating a shelter to help with disaster relief in the wake of flooding, said being prepared for a natural disaster or catastrophic fire means different things depending on severity.

With the 300 people staying at the shelter where Welch worked, most had little warning. Water started coming in during the middle of the night, and most left with only the clothes on their backs – nightclothes at that. Some didn't even have shoes.

"They were forced out of their homes with little advance notice, and didn't have the opportunity to bring much with them," he said. "Their homes aren't livable. Everything they own was water damaged. At this point, they have to start over. Some people even lost their vehicles since they were taken out by boats."

Some experts recommend an emergency kit or "bug out bag." Welch said what you need can depend on the type of disaster. In the case of the Houston flooding victims, they were taken to shelters where food, water and bedding were provided.

Most important to have in the emergency preparedness kit is medicines needed on a daily basis. Vital papers like driver's licenses and birth certificates are good to have, or you can store copies online. If it is a widespread emergency where help might not be coming for days, Welch recommends having a five-day supply of food and water available, and having a full tank of gas is good thinking.

When Welch went through the 2009 ice storm, he and his wife, Karen, were without water and electricity for five-and-a-half days. Some things they did to prepare worked out well, like filling the bathtub with water to flush two toilets and storing water in pots and other containers for drinking and cooking. They had a woodstove for heat.

One thing they didn't realize was how much soot all the candles they put out produced. Battery operated lights are a better alternative, and solar powered lights are now available that can be recharged without electricity. There are also solar cell phone chargers available.

With the Houston flooding, Welch saw an outpouring of support by volunteers, including those in church groups and

veteran's support organizations.

"What I saw in Houston is the massive mobilization of volunteers coming in bringing water and food to take care of these people and sharing their time to prepare food and do what it takes to run a shelter," Welch said. "We had five hundred community volunteers show up the first day at the shelter where I worked. Volunteers actually brought supplies in; food, clothing, and cases of water. We got enough supplies from the community just driving up to the front door to take care of three hundred people for five or six days."

Don't expect the federal government to quickly respond. FEMA sometimes provides financial assistance in disasters, but it can take a long time.

Being prepared for a disaster can also mean having the right insurance. Are you covered by flood insurance? What about for earthquakes? Welch has seen people caught without adequate insurance to cover their losses.

"If you have insurance, know what you are covered for," he said. "Review your insurance policy and make sure you understand what is covered."

Welch said while there is potential in Arkansas for a major earthquake, very few people in the state carry earthquake coverage – even though it is not that expensive. He personally thinks it is a good idea to carry earthquake coverage and flood insurance if you are in a flood zone, and flood insurance is available.

If there were a major earthquake, roads can be disrupted and it could take days for outside help to arrive.

"With a massive event like a major earthquake where the whole area is devastated, basically you are on your own to scrounge and find what you can to survive," Welch said. "Roads can be disrupted, and you are likely to have electricity knocked out and no water. You can improvise shelter, but make sure you have enough food and water to sustain yourself until help comes to you."

Tornadoes are more common in Arkansas than earthquakes, and preparing for those can include having a tornado shelter and knowing the safest place in your home or a nearby building to take shelter.

After a disaster, people can be shellshocked. "Amazingly, I have seen

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Careful what you plant

BECKY GILLETTE

Some of the most active participants in the Save the Ozarks effort to defeat a proposed high voltage transmission line have continued their efforts to protect the environment, this time against invading plants that don't belong in the Ozarks.

The transmission power line has been defeated, but invasive plants like English ivy, Japanese honeysuckle and others not native to the Ozarks are marching across the landscape posing a growing threat to native plants, butterflies, birds and bees.

"Native plants are vital to food webs, to watersheds, to pollinators, to soil health, to biodiversity and ultimately to ourselves and future generations of all living things on the planet," according to Susan Pang, who has donated hundreds of plants for the Downtown Native Pagoda Garden. "The food web depends on native plants."

An example she gives of a co-evolved relationship and dependency between plant and animal is the Monarch butterfly. The female Monarch must leave her egg sac on the leaves of the milkweed plant, and only the milkweed plant will do. Monarch caterpillars have evolved with the milkweed plant being their only viable source of food if they are to make it to the larva, pupa and adult stages of their lifecycle.

Widespread development and spraying of herbicides for agricultural crops has left the U.S. with a steep decline in the number of milkweed plants, which has translated into far fewer Monarch butterflies. "The steep loss of the Monarch butterfly and how it correlates with the loss of its host plant, the milkweed, is not a coincidence," Pang said.

The problem is not unique to the Ozarks. There are what Pang calls "strip mall landscapes" across the country where native vegetation has been decimated.

"From the gulf coast of Florida with sandy soil to the desert sands of the Southwest, we see nothing but 'sameness' with identical turf grass," Pang said. "This is unnatural. Turf grass is a native to the cool and moist climate of the U.K. It was planted by well-off American statesmen from the seventeenth-century onwards. They were influenced by the vast lawns of the English estates. Even to this day, nearly all European estates have lawn, but they have flocks of sheep that keep it cut

back. The use of herbicides, pesticides, nitrogen and phosphate fertilizers, irrigation and fossil fuels is primarily an American preoccupation."

Pang said in order to keep our artificially-grown 45.6 million acres of sprawling superiority going, we are sacrificing the health of many other things in one way or another. Creatures are steadily dying because of the unsustainable practice of keeping a lawn where it simply doesn't naturally belong.

"Native plants use less and produce more," she said. "They have more flowers, longer root systems to retain soil, and can propagate by seed. Biodiversity is not having the same twenty plants in your yard as your neighbor but only having them arranged differently."

An example she gives is boxwoods, a popular evergreen shrub which supports only one type of insect while native shrubs supports a large number of native insects. Non-native marigolds support three insect species while native asters support 105 species. Violets are often pulled out or sprayed by gardeners. But Pang advises not being too hasty to get rid of them because they support 27 species of native butterfly and moth populations.

And native gardens can still be very pleasing to the eye.

"Our lot in urban Saint Louis has more flowers than anyone and we don't use a sprinkler system, fertilizers, mowing or blowing," she said. "We recycle all of our leaves in a compost pile."

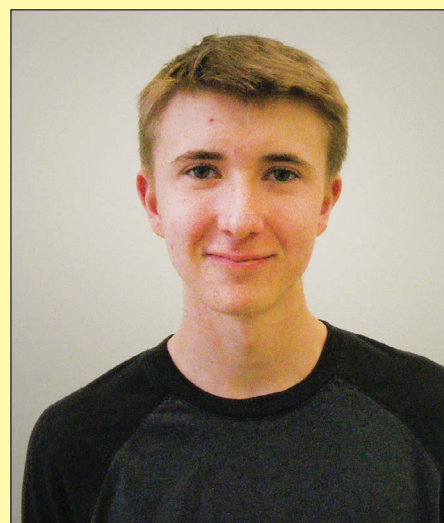
There are also issues regarding non-native vegetation creating good habitat for insects you don't want to come into contact with. There have been studies showing thickets of English Ivy and winter creeper hold water enough for breeding mosquitoes and ticks.

"Municipalities spraying pesticides and larvicides around town are wasting their time and spreading poison unnecessarily, many environmentalists believe," Pang said. "Invasive plants in their indigenous environments have predators to keep them contained. But once they are transplanted with no natural predators, invasive plants destroy in a multitude of ways."

For more information, Pang recommends Doug Tallamy's book, *Bringing Nature Home* or contacting Missouri Wildflowers Nursery in Jefferson City, mowildflowers.net.



Native plants such as the pagoda dogwood, coral honeysuckle and columbine at the Pang's home in St. Louis shows that native plants can provide not just food for wildlife, beautiful display of flowers for people to enjoy. *PHOTO BY SUSAN PANG*



Learning American values – Justin Ermert and Simon Larson, juniors at Eureka Springs High School, will be sponsored by The American Legion Walker-Wilson Post 9 as delegates to Arkansas Boys State. Boys State is a six-day training course teaching citizenship, democracy and government by the study and application of self-government, and will be held May 29 – June 3 at the University of Central Arkansas at Conway. *PHOTOS SUBMITTED*



Pasta party – Folks gathered at the 4 States Event Center for the annual all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner held by the Good Shepherd Humane Society on May 5. The Art Deco Band played and a mini adopt-a-thon and silent auction kept the evening fun-filled.

PHOTOS BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO



Metafizzies go old school

The May 16 meeting of the Eureka Springs Metaphysical Society will feature a video on the teachings of the ancient mystery schools. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at Heart of Many Ways, 68 Mountain Street. All are welcome.

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GSHS membership meets on the 25th

The Good Shepherd Humane Society will hold its annual membership meeting on Wednesday, May 25 at 6 p.m. in the downstairs meeting room of the Grand Central Hotel. At least 42 members of the

organization must be present to vote any of these changes into the bylaws. If you are not a member of the Humane Society you are welcome to go and learn about the organization.

Grassy Knob Fire's Fair Day

The Grassy Knob Fire Association Auxiliary will have their silent auction to benefit the Volunteer Fire Department on Saturday, May 21 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Grassy Knob Community Center.

The Silent Auction will include a new pool table, artisan quilts, jewelry, antiques, and contributions from Eureka Springs' shops, restaurants, and businesses. For more information contact Kay at (479) 387-5020 or rkschriner@gmail.com or Sue at (479) 270-9109.

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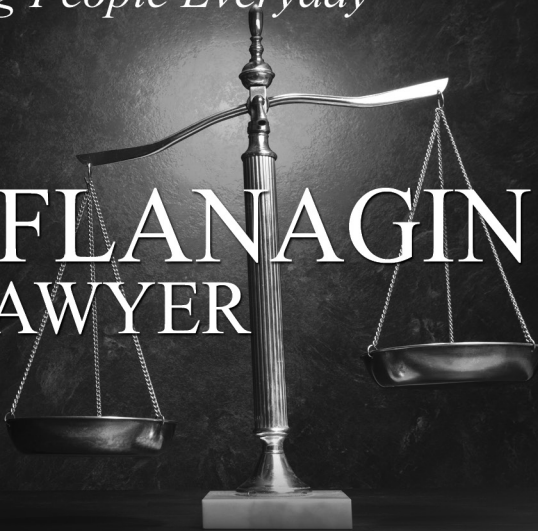
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Gypsy Jazz and sax this weekend

Second Saturday Music in the Park coincides with May Festival of the Arts events on Saturday, May 14. The gypsy jazz of Fayetteville's Block Street Hot Club will be in the Basin Park band shell from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Internationally recognized saxophonist/flutist Bryan Savage will perform from 4 – 5:30 p.m. and from 6 – 7:30 p.m.

Art in the Park will be going on from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. featuring artists offering textiles, jewelry, painting, sculpting and fine wood designs. Enjoy art as it is being created by members of the Weavers Guild, Potters Guild, and the Plein Air Painters in the park setting.

Pay what you will art

Chaffyn Lovejoy will host a pay what you will opportunity in conjunction with the Gallery Stroll on Saturday, May 14 from 4 – 7 p.m. at Chelsea's Pizza.

This event is to allow Eureka Springs locals who can't afford gallery prices to have the pleasure fresh color in their homes. The offer extends to unframed, matted art which normally retails around \$200. There will be a floor price of \$20 to cover materials. Beyond that, pay what you will is fair game. The first person to buy a print will get a second print of their choice free.

On exhibit are two score of Chaffyn's prints created over the past 11 years and a dozen fine art prints recently created.

Some of the recent art can be viewed online at www.artworkarchive.com/artwork/chaffyn.



Right brain in frame

Photographer Eli Vega will present a slide show of his work and discuss the principles of his most recent book, *Right Brain Photography: Be an Artist First*, on Friday, May 13 at 7 p.m. in the Main Stage Theater. The event is free and open to the public. Main Stage is located at 67 North Main.



City getting totally artrageous – The 2016 Artrageous Parade was surely something with a huge crowd in Basin Park and people on the sidewalks up to where the parade began at Howell Street. Pictured is the Crochet Parade, which won first place for best float. *PHOTO BY JAY VRECENAK*



Bringing out the noisemakers – A large crowd sat and some even danced to the beat of the drums on Saturday. Drumming in the Park drew so many that even the hill above Basin Park was populated by spectators. *PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO*

Holiday Island Art Guild at Keels Creek

Participating artists were on hand for the opening of the Holiday Island Art Guild show at Keels Creek Winery on Sunday. The show will run until May 28 with a closing reception from 4 – 7 p.m.

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EARLY DAYS at Eureka Springs[©] – by Nellie Alice Mills, 1949

Early Days at Eureka Springs Arkansas 1880-1892, a memoir of Nellie Alice Mills whose family moved here in two covered wagons from Oswego, Kansas, was written in 1949, relying on memory. In her second book, *Other Days at Eureka Springs*, written in 1950, she went through old records she had kept. The family home was built on the west side of Leatherwood, “about a hundred yards beyond the mouth of Magnetic Hollow, opposite Cold Spring, which supplied us, and all our neighbors, with water.”

Part Six – Play Days on North Main

On the day of which I am thinking, as I neared the Footbridge, just about opposite Wadsworth’s home and Mrs. Wadsworth’s little green house, the street was a perfect quagmire. Some wit had driven two stakes into the mud, stuck on each one an old shoe with its sole facing up and put on a placard that read: DANGER: SIGNAL THE FERRYMAN at Barker’s Photograph Gallery at the North End of the Footbridge. Spring Street had been built up at that end and a flight of wooden steps, with shops on both sides, led down to the Footbridge.

There was a pavilion at the Magnetic in those days, and long benches, but no tables. There was usually a number of visitors there, sitting by twos or threes and talking. Our bunch was often there, but we did not talk. We listened. One day a crippled and a deaf man were trying to talk together.

When the cripple shouted at the deaf man, “When I came here, I walked on crutches,” the deaf man threw us children into convulsions of laughter by saying, “Did you say you lived on crackers?”

Being too polite to laugh openly we restrained our mirth until we had scampered away to a safe distance.

I don’t know to this day if that was really funny; to us it was. Now if any of our group should meet and one should say, “Did you say you lived on crackers?” both would laugh.

There should be those still living at Eureka Springs who remember the Rippetoe girls. They were there several years after we left. Kate had much local fame as a singer. At different times each of them visited us here in Monett. Kate stopped here, when, after Mr. Curtis died, she came west with her daughter Cordelia, who had graduated from a college in Boston with a major in Library Science, and was on her way to Tulsa, Oklahoma, to accept a position as Librarian.

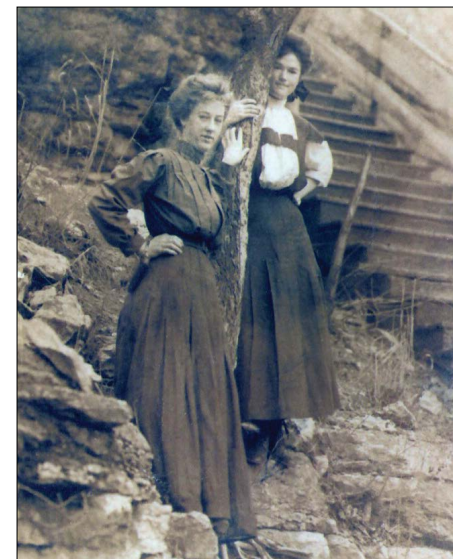
Gertie was married and lived in Joplin. She came here to the funeral of Emerson Piper (who once lived at Eureka Springs). Mrs. Piper was an intimate friend of Gertie’s. Our brother Charlie, who was living across the street from us, invited the funeral party to dinner. They all stayed there but Gertie, who insisted on coming to have dinner with our mother. I was at school. “You’ll have a better dinner,” Charlie said, “if you stay here.”

“I don’t care,” Gertie told him, “if

Mrs. Mills has only two biscuits, I can have one of them.”

Gertie lived here in Monett for a short time. (I still use her recipes for doughnuts and sherbet.) Her husband, Mr. E. B. Gordon was working for the railroad. There happened to be a Chautauqua here that summer. Gertie went to that with us and to church. They soon moved to Oklahoma. I always regarded Gertie as a dear friend. We exchanged Christmas gifts until the last one I sent her came back marked “Deceased.”

When our father died, May Rippetoe Volsberg sent me one of the most comforting messages I received. She wrote, “I remember your father with affection. Wherever he worked, there we children played.” I visited May twice in California when I visited Charlie. The second time Minnie was with me. I haven’t heard from May for several years. We met her husband, Mr. Harry Bosberg. He was a contractor. May had a very cozy home – everything a woman could desire in the way of closets, cupboards and cabinets. There was a fig tree in the yard. Her home was then at Walnut Park, about half way between Los Angeles and Long Beach.



Fred Roberts joined the Signal Service of the United States Army. He was stationed in Arizona. When his term of service expired he stopped here in Monett to call on us. Billy Roberts called on us here in Monett once, too. I think he was Auditor for the Eureka Springs Railroad then.

I did not know the Seidels until they moved into the St. Charles. I have heard that Mr. and Mrs. Seidel led the grand march at the opening of the Crescent Hotel. I have the invitation my father received for that even to “himself and ladies.” Some young ladies from St. Louis went with my father and members of my family. Minnie went, but I was too young to go to balls.

It is also interesting that Herman Seidel bought the equipment and trained the first fire company of Eureka Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Seidel died in 1921 and 1922.



Trumpeting the Word – Arkansas State Rep. Bob Ballinger took a few minutes to speak at the National Day of Prayer celebration at The Great Passion Play on May 5. Breakfast was served in the Great Hall followed by singing, praise and prayer.

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Keith Scales, Debra Workman and Rebecca Becker brought their plays from the Crescent to ES Rotary meeting at Forest Hills on May 5. PHOTO SUBMITTED

Preparing for the Gemini Festival of Humanity

The Gemini Festival of Humanity occurs Saturday, May 21. I am writing about it ahead of time so everyone can be aware and if they choose, begin to prepare this week with the New Group of World Servers. We always prepare beforehand beginning with information that leads to knowledge leading to Right Choice and Right Action.

The Festival of Humanity occurs when the Sun is in Gemini at the time of the full moon (a timing mechanism for humanity). The Gemini Festival is the 3rd of Three Spring festivals (Aries, Taurus, Gemini) which prepare humanity for the remaining nine lessor festivals and rest

of the spiritual year (till Aries next year).

The Gemini Festival has many names – Festival of Humanity, World Invocation Day, Christ Festival (representing humanity to His Father), and Festival of Synthesis. We are asked at the festivals, especially during the Gemini Festival to “play our part together and with strength for the purpose of world salvage.”

These Three Festivals (of Love, Will & Intelligence) form the foundation for the new world religion that will eventually supersede all great eastern and western religious festivals. The present world religions will eventually be replaced by a “new world religion,” incorporating the

inner essential teachings of all religions. The new world religion will be that of Invocation & Evocation (asking/receiving) – the calling forth, receiving and anchoring (radiating) great spiritual energies to benefit humanity and build the new Aquarian culture and civilization.

The Purpose of the Festivals is... *the protection, liberation and stimulation of humanity, through the distribution and transference of extra-planetary spiritual energy so right steps (Right Thinking, Right Choices) can be taken always, leading humanity out of darkness into light, from death to immortality, from the unreal to the Real and from chaos to Beauty.* (More next week)

ARIES: With the four planets retrograde it's a time of great change for everyone, and especially for you personally. You will find yourself breaking with the past, attempting new endeavors, different ways of presenting yourself to the world. All interactions will take on different sounds, shapes, hues and meanings. Everything becomes unconventional. Including your appearance and how others see you. Dress in ways you've always imagined.

TAURUS: Someone or something is asking you to adopt a different value system, one that is not your usual and regular way of being. You resist. However, it's important to listen for the what's being asked affects your future. There are consequences to not listening. Perhaps you don't know what they are yet. It's a good idea to ponder upon these things. The old ways are in the way, everywhere.

GEMINI: Flashes of insight become commonplace and grow each day. They give you information concerning decisions and what authoritative action is best. More and more your actions are unique. This could lead to opposition from others, especially those in charge. They don't understand your choices. Each day you seek more independence. You are not afraid anymore.

CANCER: Amidst the sudden decision to travel or have an adventure, you realize you're seeking a paradise to live in. A good idea. Not for you the conventional path. Customs and traditions are set aside for new independent ideas and exotic places reflecting advanced ways of living and thinking. It's an experiment for you and needed. Throw caution to the trade winds.

LEO: Resources, money, finances, investments and legal issues become a focus in your life. They are important at this time for organizational purposes. Do not allow yourself to become erratic or out-of-control. Your keen intuition tells you to keep track of all money, market and precious metals ups and downs, and realize sudden changes may occur in business and relationship interactions. Stay poised, alert, awake and observing.

VIRGO: A new unexpected and expanded self-identity is forming. Careful! Some Virgos may unexpectedly marry without much thought. Some will divorce with even

less. Other Virgos will be aware that strange things may occur around and within their relationship – erratic behaviors, a seeking of independence, possible major upsets and unexpected changes. Some Virgos will take this in stride. Knowing there's a season for just about everything.

LIBRA: Your daily work environment, routines, schedules and also your health may become unpredictable moving toward irregular. Some Librans love this for it allows for more freedom. Others need the structure that reliable and regular agendas impose. Your might become angry, impatient and nervous. You sometimes learn the hard way. Through loss. Gather (and add to) your beloveds. Go to church. Listen to Gregorian chant. Pray.

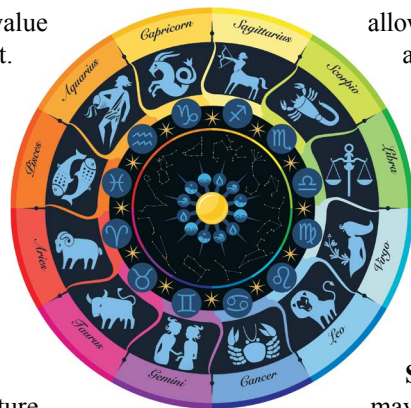
SCORPIO: You're inventive and creative. At times you realize the need for more self-control. You'll learn this eventually. Self-knowledge sometimes comes through being reckless and foolhardy at first. The most important aspect of relationships now is communication. In fact, communication is the relationship. Don't fall back on old ways anymore. When desire arises, lift it up to the Soul. Then desire becomes aspiration. Aspiration means filled with life.

SAGITTARIUS: There's constant change to your home life. There may a sense of confusion. An “I don't know what I'm doing or where I belong anymore.” You wanted freedom, you wanted different and unusual living conditions. Family traditions, counter to your needs at this time, are still important. The foundations of your entire life have become unreliable and changeable. This persists. It's very difficult. It will pass.

CAPRICORN: Thinking and communication take on dreamy intuitive multiple dimensions. Gradually, spontaneously, unexpectedly (Uranian words) you begin to have advanced, new thought thinking. Very few will think like you. A sense of aloneness develops until you find your group. Sometimes the garden devas become your group. Off you go, at a moment's notice. People smile as you speed by. Running at the speed of Light.

AQUARIUS: When you hear someone in need here are some words to say to them, “How can I help? Let me know how I can help you.” Are you able to do this? In the Wisdom teachings the disciple is always asked to “look for the need” in all situations and assist in filling that need. In this way the Aquarian task of serving others (humanity) is always in the forefront. A great sense of purpose follows. When one serves, one is also always “served” (helped) in return.

PISCES: You develop a need to be independent and completely free, working best by yourself. Your environments, home and professional, must be orderly, clean and clear so that your investigative mind can work with ease and skill, unhindered. You need the company of creative people. This brings comfort. You need natural beauty, color and flowers. Zinnias, marigolds, moon flowers, honeysuckle. Plant them.



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people who had a fire forget to call the insurance company," Welch said. "It is the mental frame of mind they are in."

With climate change contributing to more severe weather events such as torrential rains, being prepared for a disaster becomes increasingly necessary. In

recent years, Carroll County has experienced a number of floods that previously would have only been expected every 100 years.

"It is obvious we are having hundred-year floods more frequently, so people have to get smart about where they live as far as water damage," Welch said. "The Beaver Dam flood gates are being opened to higher levels than in the past. I think of a woman

in the shelter in Houston who is partly disabled. By the time they got to her, she was standing in water up to her neck in her house. If that happened once, I wouldn't go back."

In the case of fire, Welch said the most important thing is to get out of the house quickly and avoid fumes as today's fires have more toxic smoke and spread more rapidly than 30 years ago.

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The Lark and the Loon album release at Brews on Friday the 13th

Eureka Springs inspires artists of all types, including musicians. The lucky Lark and the Loon, that harmonious couple from Chicago, moved here a couple years ago and

have created a wonderful album they will debut at Brews on Friday. And, Delvis, a good friend of mine, is singing timeless rock and roll hits at Rowdy Beaver on the highway Friday, as well.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Catherine Reed, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – Green Screen Karaoke, 9 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – Another Turn, Rock, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 13

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Steve Jones, Singer/Songwriter, 12 and 5 p.m.

BREWS – The Lark and the Loon, Americana, 7 p.m.

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Brick Fields Blues, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Sad Daddy, Americana, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – DJ and Dancing, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – Arkansas Red, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – DJ Karaoke with Stan, 8 p.m.

NEW DELHI – Larry Bowman and Friends, Folk, 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER – Delvis, Rock, 7:30 p.m., BOSS Karaoke, 8:30 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Candy Lee Duo, Rock, 9 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 14

THE AUD – Ozarks Chorale, 7 – 9 p.m.

BALCONY RESTAURANT – Jeff Lee, Folk, 12 p.m., Steve Zimmerman, Singer/Songwriter, 6 p.m.

BASIN PARK – Block Street Hot Club, R and B, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., Bryan Savage, Saxophone, 4 – 7:30 p.m.

BREWS – Kit and Kaboodle with Blind

Boy White, Blues,

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Septembers End, Rock, 8 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Matt Smith and Ocie Fisher, R and B, 9 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – DJ & Dancing, 9 p.m.

GRAND TAVERNE – Arkansas Red, Guitar Dinner Music, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.

LEGENDS SALOON – Another Turn, Rock, 9 p.m.

NEW DELHI – Ozark Travellers, Rock, 6 – 10 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Jimmy Garrett, Singer/Songwriter, 1 – 5 p.m.,

Bottlerocket, Rock, 9 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 15

BALCONY RESTAURANT – James White, Singer/Songwriter, 12 p.m., Melissa Carper, Singer/Songwriter, 5 p.m.

BREWS – Kit and Kaboodle, Jazz, 2 – 5 p.m.

EUREKA LIVE! – Green Screen Karaoke, 7 p.m.

NEW DELHI – Sarah Hughes, Singer/Songwriter, 12 – 4 p.m.

ROWDY BEAVER DEN – Michael Tisdale Duo, Rock, 1 – 5 p.m.

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The Lark and the Loon album release at Brews, Friday, May 13, 7 p.m.

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I had a grand time playing Grand Marshal in Saturday's Artrageous Parade with the lovely Lilah Stiger at my side and fellow muses Valerie Damon and Alan Margolies tricked out in spectacular costume and makeup.

But it was the crochet madness of Gina Gallina that easily stole the show and took the parade's top prize, with her big-ass crocheted truck and posse donning Gina's over-the-top, toasty warm costumes. There was a whole lot of

sweatin' goin' on, but everyone made it look like a cool spring day.

During "Art in the Park" Saturday, artists in Basin Park will demonstrate, talk about and sell their work. Weavers, ceramic artists and plein air painters, plus a steady supply of music in the bandshell will fill the park from 11 to 6.

Amazingly, Books in Bloom is already in its 11th year. The literary festival, where one can meet and hear accomplished writers recite from their latest works, runs all day Sunday in the gardens of the Crescent Hotel.

Lots happening during Saturday evening's gallery stroll: Les Brandt is Eureka Fine Art's three-dimensional artist for May, showing his beautiful wood creations. Painter Drew Gentle is the co-op gallery's featured member of the month.

Kate Baer returns to Zarks with her latest handcrafted, organic, fossil-inspired jewelry line.

The joke at Quicksilver is that jewelry maker and full-time employee Brian Watson is always the featured artist. The in-house artist has beautiful new work on display.

The Bird Cage, the Green Gourd, the Jewel Box, Mel Shipley's new downstairs gallery, Iris at Basin Park, Fleece 'n' Flax and Fantasy and Stone and more are all participating in the Saturday's Gallery Stroll from 6 to 9.

Beth Withey swirls her baton this Saturday as the Ozarks Chorale perform a new program at the AUD starting at 7.

Somehow the first two escaped my attention, but the 3rd Annual Jeep Fest is this weekend at Holiday Island, and I am assuming it's a festival about jeeps.

Seems there is something for everyone this month.



Photo Nisa Allen and Mark Wetzel during the Artrageous Parade in Gina Gallina's crocheted creations. **PHOTO BY JOHN RANKINE**

EXPLORING the fine art of ROMANCE... by Leslie Meeker

During a girls' night out the subject of self-pleasuring came up. I'm uncomfortable with the topic and I've never done it so I just listened. Apparently I'm the odd one in the group and it's been bothering me ever since. Is this something that I actually should be doing?

Absolutely, for sure, yes, yes, yes! While women actually talk more amongst themselves about sex than men do, yes that's the truth, the topic of women and self-love has been taboo for eons. Times are definitely changing. Women are no longer keeping what they're doing down-low on the down low, hence your girls' night conversation. Female solo sex is on the rise. Truly a great step for woman-kind. The health benefits that accompany said me-time are significant.

Beginning with the more obvious, self-stimulation allows women to become comfortable in their bodies and knowledgeable about their bodies, which seriously

boosts sexual self-confidence. Reaching climax releases endorphins that elevate mood, reduce stress and improve sleep. Engaging in self-sensuality increases your overall sexual desire and interest, ultimately strengthening your sexual relationship with your partner as well.

Some of the best news ever: Self-pleasuring counts as exercise! Preferable to the gym on any given day, if I might say. Climax provides a serious workout for the pelvic floor, improving childbirth, intercourse and urinary continence. Better yet, strong pelvic floor muscles allow you to "get there" more easily, more frequently and with greater intensity.

Numerous studies have shown that women who pleasure themselves more frequently are less likely to develop type-2 diabetes and are more resistant to coronary heart disease. Self-stimulation even helps prevent cervical and urinary tract infections as the cervix opens during climax and flushes out unfriendly bacteria.

Other research found that a little menage-a-moi effectively treats restless leg syndrome – no script necessary. I mean seriously, ladies? Get it on with your bad self!

And let us not forget one of the greatest gifts bestowed upon the female creature: Multiple O's. The capacity to climax multiple times is quite literally right at your fingertips. A party of one is still a party, so party on and why stop at one?

Questions? Email leslie@esindependent.com. Leslie Meeker, M.A., L.P.C., is a psychotherapist who has specialized in relational and sex therapy, sexual compulsivity and sexual trauma for the past 17 years, after receiving extensive training in human sexuality at the Masters and Johnson Institute in St. Louis, Mo.



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MONDAY, MAY 16

CHELSEA'S – Sprungbilly, Bluegrass, 9 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 17

CATHOUSE LOUNGE – Los Roscoes, Blues, 5 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Open Mic, 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 18

BREWS – Open Mic 21 and Under, 6:30 p.m.

CHELSEA'S – Brian Martin, Singer/Songwriter, 7 p.m.

Clear Spring School receives donation – CSS board member

Dave Jeffrey and Janell Robertson, Executive Director of the Carroll County Community Foundation, present an \$85,000 check to Juanita Crider and her class at Clear Spring School. The money was raised during the ArkansasGives Campaign on April 7.

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DEPARTURES

Brenda Kay Ingle Feb. 19, 1944 – April 29, 2016

Brenda Kay Ingle of Bentonville, Ark., formerly of Eureka Springs, Ark., was born February 19, 1944 in Toledo, Ohio, a daughter of Frederick W. and Mary Kathryn (McDonald) Mosher, Sr. She departed this life Friday, April 29, 2016 in Bentonville at age 72.

Brenda had a love for water colors and oil paintings. She enjoyed the friends she made and the time she worked at Sharon’s Quilt Shop and Mary Lane’s in Eureka Springs, Ark.

She is survived by two children, son, Jess Welch of Oregon; and daughter, Heather Herman of Arizona. She is also survived by a grandson, Tristin Mosteller of Arizona; brother, Fritz Mosher of Lenexa, Kan.; niece, Pam Mosher of Lenexa, Kan.; nephew, Rick Mosher and wife, Jennifer of Prairie Village, Kan. and a host of other relatives, friends and loved ones.

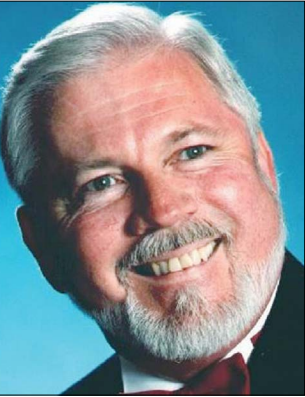
She is preceded by her parents, Frederick W. and Mary Kathryn (McDonald) Mosher, Sr.; and one sister-in-law, Kathleen Mosher.

Memorial service was May 7 at the Holiday Island Community Church with Pastor Jeff Timm officiating.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. Memorial donations may be made to the Holiday Island Community Church, P.O. Box 3055, Holiday Island, Arkansas 72631. Online condolences may be sent to the family at nelsonfuneral.com. © Nelson Funeral Service, Inc. 2016

Garry McCoy April 29, 2016

Garry McCoy died at age 73 on April 29, 2016 at his home after an illness. Garry started his working life at age 17, joining the U.S. Navy with the rank of Hospital Corpsman attaining HM3 Hospital Corpsman Third Class. After Navy service he worked for the University of Texas Dental Research branch in Houston, Texas.



He continued his medical career as a research assistant in Gastroenterology at Franklin Hospital in San Francisco, Calif. In 1978 he earned his degree in Medical Technology in Washington D.C., and had a successful 14-year career at a private medical laboratory. While in Washington D.C., he was most proud of his work as an officer and president of a Tenant’s Association that purchased and renovated an old apartment building into a condominium complex where elderly residents were afforded lifetime tenancy at rent controlled rates. All residents who wished

were given financial assistance to purchase their condominiums.

Garry moved to Eureka Springs early 1992. He had a home on Buck Mountain overlooking Beaver Lake where he cared for a dear friend from Springfield, Mo., as he lived out his life with AIDS.

Garry then worked at what was then Eureka Springs’ only hardware/lumber store. He also was Executive Director/fundraiser at the local humane society.

In 1998 Garry played a substantial role as an advocate of the quarter-cent sales tax supporting the Eureka Springs Parks and Recreation Commission in maintaining the multitude of city parks.

He retired in 2004 after a remarkable professional and volunteer career.

Garry was born in Ohio, but lived his youth in the Fort Worth area of Texas. He was preceded in death by his father Del, mother Hellen, and sister Nina. Survivors are sister Hellen and her husband, Farrow, of Nevada, sister Mary and her husband, James, of Texas, nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews, cousins, and aunts and uncles from a very large family. Garry’s family, friends (family by choice) will miss his incredible charm and sense of humor.

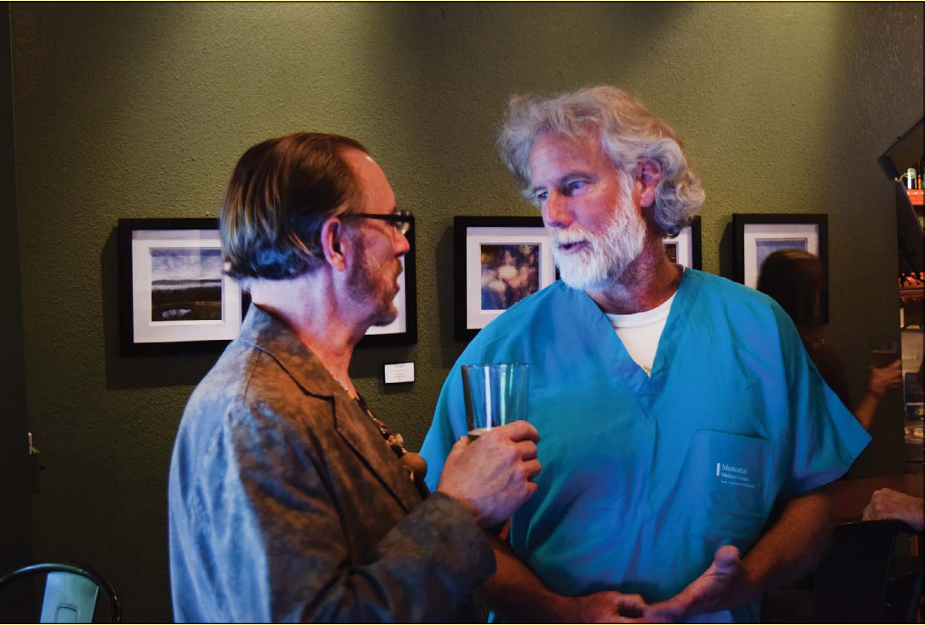
It was Garry’s wish there be no services. His wished to be cremated and family will care for his remains.



Art from the fresh air – The opening reception for the Plein Air Painters of Eureka Springs drew a crowd to see their latest works at Main Stage, 67 N. Main on May 6. The exhibit will be open on Saturdays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. throughout May and will be open to the public everyday May 23 – 28. *PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO*



Views from a morning walk – The opening reception for John Rankine’s ‘On My Morning Walk’ series drew a large crowd to Brews on May 6. Framed pictures that Rankine took throughout the year during his walks with his animals and iPhone were on display. Pictured below – John Rankine and Chris Fischer. *PHOTO BY JEREMIAH ALVARADO*





Local angler Jacob Holloway got one for the wall this last week. This big striper came at the end of our trip, caught on a 6-in. shad freelining 20 feet under a planer board about 100 feet to the side of the boat in 8 ft. of water at Horseshoe Bend. The river run is over and most have moved back closer to us with big fish being caught between the Hwy. 12 bridge and Rocky Branch.

So the long drive is about over and we get to start going out from the dam. Look in the mouth of the creeks, main lake points and the flats. Shad are spawning now and with the water temps still below 72°, it means stripers can go right into the shoreline buck brush with them.

Best live baits are 1. shad 2. perch 3. brood shiners. Best lures now are the big Zara spooks, redfins and chuggers for the top, a rattling rogue for surface lures, and a big fluke, rattletrap or bucktail jig for going deeper. There's still no need to go any deeper than 20 ft.

The rogue is also doing well for some

at night in the same areas. Just work lure slower at night.

Here at Holiday Island, walleye have mostly moved out of the tailwaters and are feeding on shad from here to the Houseman access area. Working a jig tipped with a minnow, slow, while water temps are under 70°. When we get above 70° a jig tipped with a nightcrawler might do better.

Trolling small crankbaits like the flicker shad #7 and #8 in 10- to 20-foot water off the flats are catching some, along with the whites. Crappie are still on their spawn here which means it's a good time to catch them in the shoreline brush in water from 1 to 6 ft. deep, jigs and minnows will both work under a slip float.

Bass are moving closer to the shoreline to build their spawning beds, so working anything slow that looks like it might eat their eggs can catch them. It's a great time to fish and catch, so maybe we'll see you out there while we all enjoy the Arkansas Ozarks. Robert Johnson, fishofexcellence.com. (479) 253-2258

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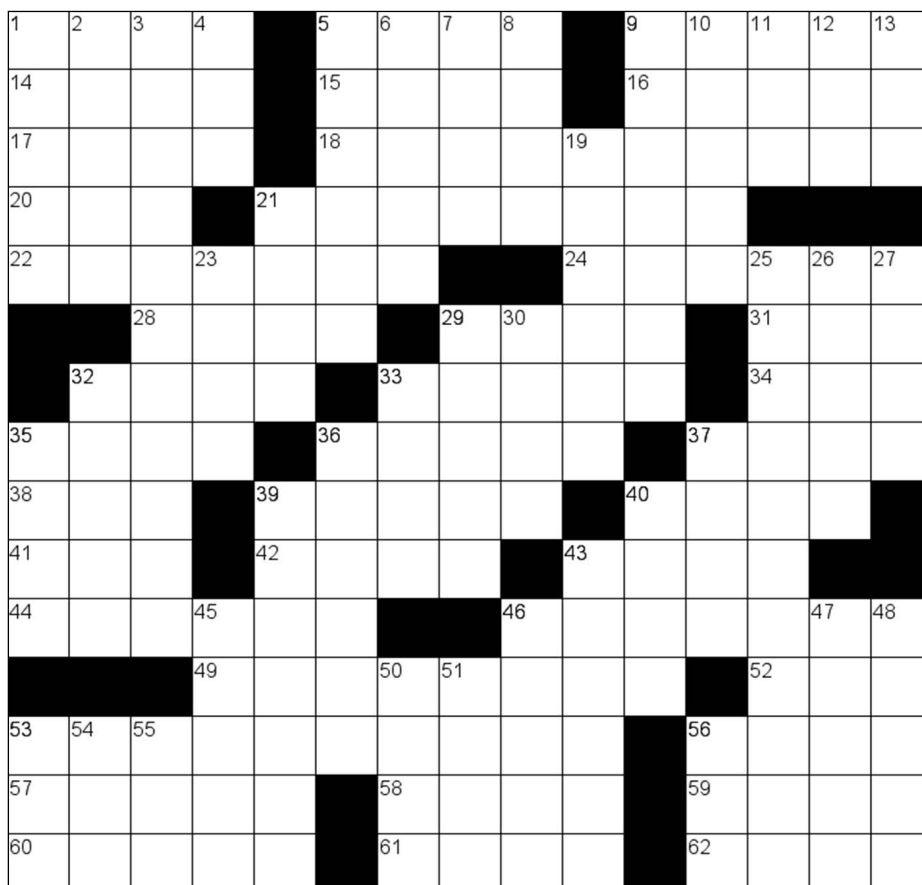
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Solution on page 23



ACROSS

- 1 Spawned salmon
5. Contraption creator Goldberg
9. Contrary individual
14. Protective cactus juice
15. Biblical birthright seller
16. Where Bonaparte died, with "in"
17. Hamlet was one
18. Australian lungfish
20. Plus
21. Like early morning in the Channel
22. Deeply respect
24. Ingenious
28. Fiddling emperor
29. Render useless
31. About when you'll get there
32. Dutch cheese
33. Precious stone weight equal to 200 milligrams
34. ASAP
35. Garden invader
36. All of it
37. Archie Manning has three
38. Foul up
39. Angler's basket
40. FDR coin
41. Oxygen and nitrogen, mostly

DOWN

42. Youths
43. *South Pacific* tune _____ H'ai
44. Electronic code device
46. Priestly, to LDS
49. Will run as expected
52. Fuss
53. Mutual
56. William and Harry's school
57. Russian edict
58. Killer whale
59. Electric Chevy
60. Measures usage
61. Nevada lake formed in 1936
62. Gaelic

11. Osama ____ Laden
12. Antiquity
13. Meadow
19. Relating to hearing
21. Unshakeable
23. Old radiation protection
25. Bottom part of a fraction
26. Make up for
27. Try not to break them
29. Prices
30. Russian mountains
32. Spooky
33. Some dorms
35. Ineffective
36. One who barter
37. Vertical storage building
39. It'll ring your bell
40. "I double dog ____ you!"
43. Romantic melody
45. Grace and elegance
46. Fiber for making rope
47. Some athletes
48. Brand of crayons
50. Space
51. Measure of land
53. Pirate's quaff
54. Squeeze (out)
55. Jazz devotee
56. Well-known apple eater

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Local students recognized – Eureka Springs High School seniors Dallas Galyen and Jacob Hager were recognized at the Governor's Scholastic Honors Day on April 30 at the Governor's Mansion in Little Rock.

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bad. And debt is the reason.

The banking system the average person interacts with is designed around a concept known as fractional reserve banking. That means banks are only required to have on hand – on reserve – a fraction of the money that has been placed on deposit in their bank. The rest they lend out, thereby creating money “out of thin air” while also creating enormous amounts of debt requiring a constant flow of new money being put into the system, i.e. economic growth. On its face, this is good for the economy as it spurs development, creates jobs, increases wealth, etc. If the amount of debt grows too large, or the economy slows, a serious problem develops as the debt can no longer be serviced.

Today, the debt system has grown

incredibly complex with debt instruments that are convoluted and almost impossible for the layperson to understand. Most of this debt has nothing to do with “Main Street” but it, too, requires that our economy grow indefinitely and without interruption or the whole scheme collapses.

Since everything in our economy is dependent on energy, a decline in net excess energy means the economy can't grow, leading to debt default. If the amount of debt default is large it can be devastating to the system. Since even the slightest hint of widespread default would elicit panic in the stock and financial markets, wiping out trillions of dollars overnight, it's no wonder government and industry agencies are less than honest about the decline in net energy and the impossibility of ever paying off mountains of debt that have been created trying to stimulate the economy. The whole

financial system is the very definition of a house of cards.

The financial crisis of 2008-9 brought the global financial system to the very brink of collapse. If it had not been for Herculean efforts of central banks around the world at that time, collapse would have been inevitable. That crisis was one of too much debt that couldn't be repaid. Ironically, the central banks saved the system by creating more debt. Enormous amounts of it, in fact.

The amount of conventional debt today is estimated to be \$100 trillion globally. When the derivatives market is included, the amount of global debt surges to the absurdly high number of \$1.3 quadrillion. Since declining net energy is preventing the economy from having the energy it needs to grow, it seems very likely there will be massive debt defaults in

the near future. When there is widespread debt, default commerce shuts down.

When commerce shuts down, there is economic collapse and many, many people suffer. Very similar events are happening right now in Venezuela, Greece, Syria, Puerto Rico, and other countries.

With decline in net energy affecting every person on the planet, and with global debt already at unsustainable levels and climbing higher every day, there is widespread agreement among financial experts that central banks will be unable to save the system next time. When that happens, every country – including the U.S. – will experience economic disaster.

We are facing some frightening challenges over the next decade. Next time I'll explore the most serious of them all: climate change.



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